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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a Sonic customer in San Francisco, the heart of the tech universe. I have been their customer for many years. They offer better service at a better price for phone and internet connectivity. They are, under the terms of the proposals before you, a "competitive provider." They are also one of the very best companies that I have ever had the pleasure of patronizing.

Broadband access is a necessity of modern life. Many, like me, are fixed income retirees who depend on access to competitive providers for reasonably priced phone and internet. Many others are in underserved communities in poor or rural areas. The major telecom companies have done nothing to improve internet access or reasonable phone service. They are consistently among the most hated companies in America, ([www.cbsnews.com/news/americas-most-hated-companies/](http://www.cbsnews.com/news/americas-most-hated-companies/)) and for good reason.

We got to be the leaders of the tech world by encouraging competition, not limiting it. Don't sell out our nation's best interest to a handful of greedy telecom giants. Support the competitive providers who are rooted in their communities and providing a critical service to all who need it.

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